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*to Reader
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Bosch*

1. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS WERE BEING TYPED WHEN ADVANCE COPY OF REF C RECEIVED. QUOTED ISSUE OF "NEW TIMES" IS ON THE STREET. PORTIONS OF STORY MENTIONED IN REF C ARE ACCURATE EXCERPTS. 4

2. 13 MAY EDITION OF MAGAZINE "NEW TIMES" CARRIES STORY "EXCLUSIVE: JAILHOUSE INTERVIEW WITH CUBAN TERRORIST ORLANDO BOSCH" BY BLAKE FLEETWOOD. STORY CONCERNS FLEETWOOD'S OPENLY AND EASILY ENTERING THE PRISON AND HIS INTERVIEW WITH BOSCH IN WHICH BOSCH COMMENTS ON HIS REVOLUTIONARY BACKGROUND, INVOLVEMENT IN CUBAN EXILE GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES AND HIS INTENTIONS TO CONTINUE THESE ACTIVITIES IN THE FUTURE. THERE IS NO MENTION OF FLEETWOOD HAVING BEEN IN CONTACT WITH U.S. OR CUBAN EMBASSIES IN CARACAS, NOR THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES DURING HIS TRIP TO OBTAIN THE INTERVIEW. 4

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3. DURING INTERVIEW BOSCH CLAIMS HE WAS ARRESTED IN VENEZUELA IN NOVEMBER 1974, HAVING ENTERED FROM THE DOMREP IN JUNE 1974, BY DISIP AND MADE HIS FIRST FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH GOV AT THAT TIME. SAYS HE DEALT WITH RIVAS VASQUEZ AND ORLANDO GARCIA AND SAID "I PROMISED NO MORE ACTIONS AGAINST CASTRO'S FRIENDS WOULD BE TAKEN IN CARACAS, AND THEY PROMISED ME IN THE NAME OF CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ ^(CAP) THAT NO HIGH OFFICIAL OF THE CUBAN REGIME WOULD BE ALLOWED IN VENEZUELA." IN FALL OF 1976, BOSCH CLAIMS, ORLANDO GARCIA INVITED HIM TO VENEZUELA IN THE NAME OF CAP TO MAKE A DEAL. SAYS HE WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY ORLANDO GARCIA AND RICARDO MORALES WITH WHOM HE MADE A DEAL. BOSCH AGREED THERE WOULD BE NO ACTIONS IN VENEZUELA, COSTA RICA AND THE DOMREP, IN EXCHANGE FOR WHICH HE WOULD BE PERMITTED TO LIVE IN VENEZUELA UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME AND ORGANIZE OTHER TERRORISTS' ACTIONS ELSEWHERE. UNTIL TIME OF THE LETELIER ASSASSINATION AND THE CUBANA BOMBING, BOSCH SAID, "THE PACT [WITH VENEZUELA] WAS GOING PERFECTLY WELL. IN FACT, I WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ ON OCTOBER 10, BUT THEN THE PLANE BLEW UP ON THE 6TH AND ALL THE TROUBLE STARTED." BOSCH CLAIMED AFTER PLANE INCIDENT HE CONTINUED TO HAVE

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CONVERSATIONS WITH ORLANDO GARCIA WHO TOLD BOSCH THAT NOTHING UNTOUARD WOULD HAPPEN. "UNTIL, ONE DAY GARCIA CALLED TO SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT WANTED BOSCH TO STAY AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS." BOSCH CONTINUED THAT HE HAS BEEN UNDER "PROTECTIVE CUSTODY" FOR SEVEN MONTHS AND PEREZ HAS SAID ON TELEVISION THAT BOSCH WAS A MEMBER OF CIA AND TRYING TO DESTABILIZE HIS GOVERNMENT. BOSCH CLAIMS THAT GARCIA TOLD HIM THAT HE WOULD BE RELEASED AS SOON AS THE PUBLICITY BLOWS OVER. BOSCH SPOKE WITH EXTREME BITTERNESS ABOUT "THE BETRAYAL OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE" BY THE VENEZUELANES WHO HAD SO RECENTLY BEFRIENDED HIM, AND IS EVEN WILLING TO ENTERTAIN CHARGES THAT VENEZUELA SET HIM UP FROM THE DAY HE WAS INVITED TO LIVE THERE. BOSCH CONTINUES THAT HE HAS DECIDED TO RESUME THE OFFENSIVE, AND HE CANNOT KEEP QUIET ANYMORE. "WE'RE PUSHED UP AGAINST THE WALL BY {PRESIDENT} PEREZ. WE'RE GOING TO ACCUSE HIM OF BETRAYING US. A TRAITOR TO DEMOCRACY, A TRAITOR TO THE CUBANS, AND A TRAITOR TO THE AMERICAN CAUSE. I AM GOING TO DECLARE WAR ON THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT IN THE NAME OF THE CUBAN CAUSE. I DON'T CARE THAT I AM SITTING IN JAIL. PEREZ IS A TRAITOR. HE WAS MAKING A PACT WITH CASTRO AT THE SAME TIME HE WAS MAKING A PACT WITH

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US.. IF THEY WANT TO PUT ME ON TRIAL, THEY WILL ALSO HAVE TO ACCUSE THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, THE DISIP DIRECTOR AND THE PRESIDENT. THESE PEOPLE CONSPIRED WITH ME. THEY SHOULD BE PUT IN JAIL AS WELL."

4. REGARDING LETELIER INVESTIGATION ARTICLE CLAIMS BOSCH DENIED KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT ASSASSINATION. ARTICLE CONTINUES WITH CLAIM "CONFIDENTIAL INTELLIGENCE" REPORT OBTAINED BY "NEW TIMES" CLAIMS BOSCH WAS NOT SO RETICENT ABOUT LETELIER CASE WHEN QUESTIONED BY VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARREST." ARTICLE CLAIMS BOSCH FINGERED NOVO BROTHERS TO DISIP. LATER IN ARTICLE PARENTHETICAL STATEMENT IS MADE "CONTRARY TO REPORTS IN AMERICAN PAPERS, NO U.S. OFFICIAL HAS BEEN ALLOWED BY VENEZUELAN GOVT TO SEE BOSCH."

5. HQS AIRMAILING COPY VIA APO 5 MAY AND WILL POUCH COPY ALSO. BASED ON ABOVE PORTIONS WHICH WE CONSIDER MOST INFLAMMATORY RE VENEZUELA, PLEASE CABLE YOUR AND AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS REGARDING POSSIBLE VENEZUELAN REACTIONS TO ARTICLE WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS YOUR ESTIMATE HOW THIS MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT AFFECT (STATION) OPS. IN MEANTIME, WE KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH STATE HERE. WE WILL TAKE INITIATIVE TO ASSURE STATIONS IN OTHER LAD COUNTRIES MENTIONED IN ARTICLE ARE KEPT

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ADVISED OF PARTS OF ARTICLE WHICH DEAL WITH THEIR COUNTRIES. 4

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COMMENT: REF A REQUESTED FULL DETAILS OF FLEETWOOD ARTICLE BE CABLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. REF B ADVISED ARTICLE DID NOT APPEAR IN 29 APRIL EDITION OF "NEW TIME" AS EXPECTED, BUT WOULD BE WATCHED FOR IN FUTURE EDITIONS. REF C REPORTED ARTICLE PICKED UP BY UPI FROM 13 MAY ISSUE AND SUMMARIZED IN CARACAS TABLOID. FULL TEXT REQUESTED.

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